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**RICHARD LICATA, AIA**  
**2008 AIA NEVADA**  
**SILVER MEDAL HONOREE**

The Silver Medal is the highest honor that AIA Nevada can bestow upon an individual and is awarded in recognition of the most distinguished service to the profession of architecture. Only one Silver Medal is awarded each year. The 2008 honoree is Ric Licata, AIA.

As the current AIA Nevada President, Richard spearheaded many community based projects and studies in Nevada, demonstrating how architects can be a force for change. Examples of these successful efforts are the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Study for Northern Nevada and the Blueprint for Nevada, a sustainability plan for creating more livable communities in Nevada. As AIA 150 Champion Mr. Licata conducted many town hall meetings for the SDAT and Blueprint, and recognized community leaders who are also making a difference with AIA Nevada Livable Community Awards.

A two term AIANN President, Mr. Licata created and oversaw the Reno Magazine Awards, a program featuring AIA architects and Allied members, with Gannett Publishing; received the AIA Nevada Service Award; created the planning committee and secured the Lake Tahoe venue for the wildly successful 2007 WMR Conference; conducted an SDAT; Chaired CANstruction; and was No. Nevada AIA 150 Champion while fulfilling the standard duties of President.

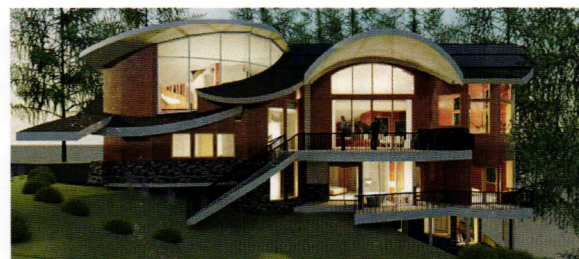


As President of AIA Nevada Richard has provided the statewide vision for the Blueprint for Nevada, a document hailed by the AIA National Executive Committee as an example for the country to follow. He is Chair of the Blueprint for Nevada Task Force and provides effective leadership at State and national level through AIA Grassroots and legislative efforts on Capitol Hill and at the Nevada State Capitol. Most recently he was invited to speak at the AIA Grassroots Conference on "AIA 150-What Nevada's done right" and also received an invitation to speak Livable Communities Conference in Seattle, by the AIA Communities by Design. He has also been invited by the USGBC, both Las Vegas and Reno Chapters, to present Blueprint for Nevada concepts and studies.



Mr. Licata is recognized by architects and the public as a resource for our profession, our communities and the American Institute of Architects, at both national and state levels. His lasting contributions have had a cumulative effect on the practice of architecture by virtue of his work, the effect he has on his students, his leadership on issues important to architects and the communities they serve, and for his continued vision for what the built environment can be. His efforts have transcended the standard notion of what architects do as a profession, into what it means to be an architect as a way of life.

He has connected the seemingly separate areas of practice, service and teaching to one flowing dialog of creative force; all the while, acknowledging the humbling experience of being recognized for doing what he believes in because "it's the right thing to do."

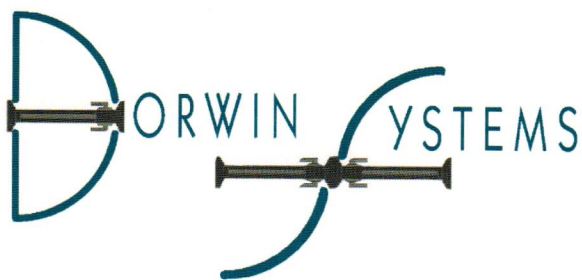


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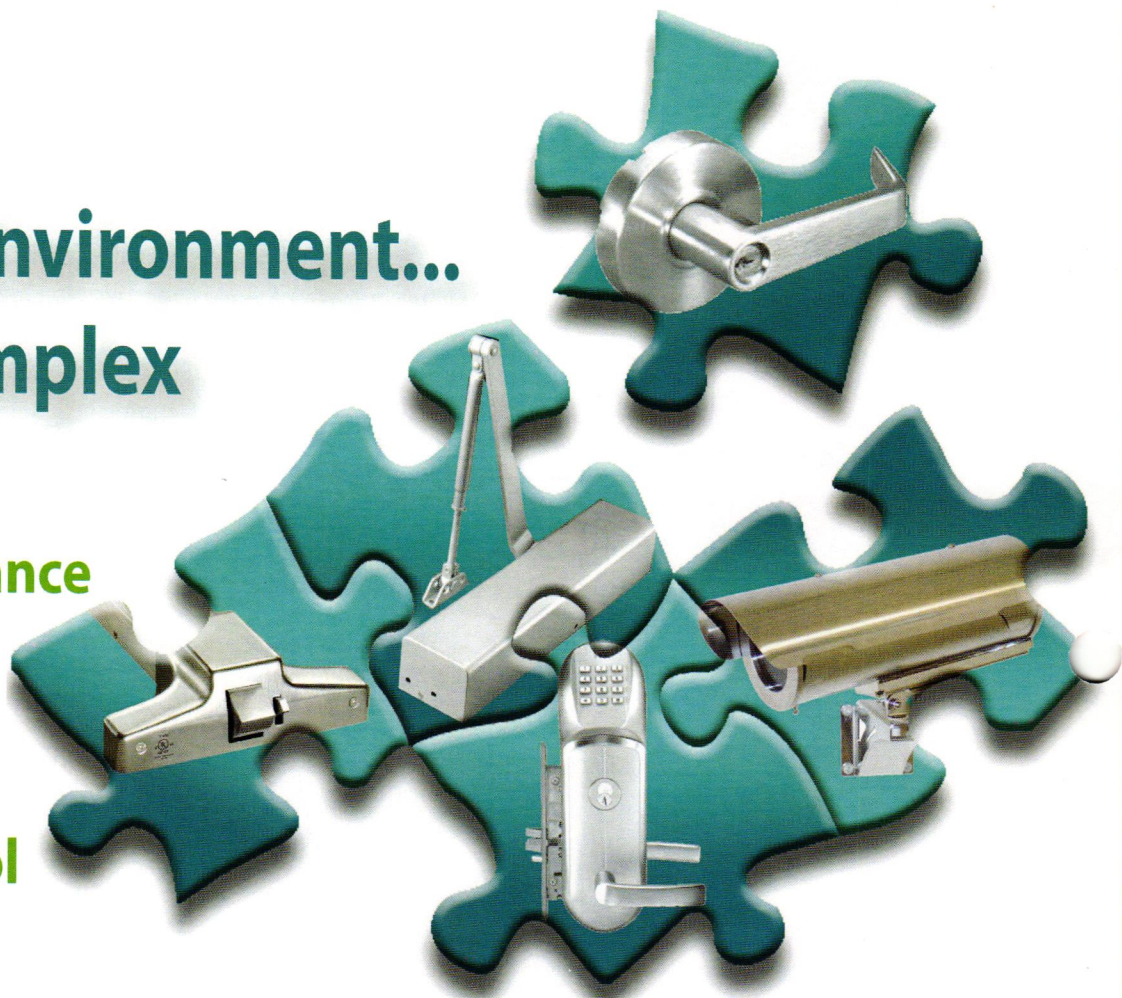




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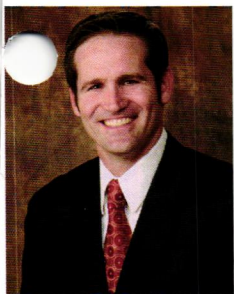
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## AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARK HOBAICA, AIA

### Potholes

Are we in a recession? Well, some say yes and others are just not sure or are possibly not ready to concede to the notion. No matter how you see it or what you hear, our state and nation's financial situation isn't good. Nevada, as a whole, including Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson are all seeing major financial crises and are aggressively seeking budget balancing measures of which most have never before experienced. In retrospect, we have been truly blessed with an incredible success ride for many years. We haven't always seen smooth roads, and we can't forget those occasional dips along the way. But, this "recession" (OK I said it)... is surely not going to have a simple recovery, and it may not even be one of those avoidable "potholes" in the road. The downfall in the market was first projected to last only nine months or so. Well, I think we're past that nine month marker now, and things obviously haven't gotten any better and unfortunately have continued to slide down hill. As a result, projects have already, or soon will be, placed on hold and/or possibly canceled. Sadly, this will only further exasperate the quandary for everyone in our design and construction profession. The unavoidable trickle down effect will soon be in full force.

I know I'm not telling you something that you don't already know, but we should be prepared to deal with this slump for a much longer duration...maybe several more months or even a year or two. So, what should we do to better prepare for our professional survival?

If you haven't already done so, you need to become leaner, more resourceful, better organized, more efficient, and quite honestly, start seeking ways to be a bit more diverse. We undoubtedly develop new skills during and after each new project we complete. Now is the time to start capitalizing on the abundance of specialties that continue to be added to our portfolio of talents. If you haven't already done so...diversify!

Times like these call for our profession to band together. It's time to break down the barriers of your competitive nature and reach out to your fellow architects to share your resources and consider the possibilities of partnering.

In a few days, we'll get to vote for the next president of the United States. I'll be honest, it really doesn't matter to me who you vote for, but it does matter to me that you cast your ballot. I don't believe the next president will be able to immediately bail us out of this mess, but I do believe that any change in our government will

steer us in a better direction and eventually we will recover. Even the 700 billion dollar bailout won't restore things immediately. So, don't hold your breath – but breathe deeply and then exhale slowly – and start contemplating what you'll need to do to protect and secure your job or your company.

If you feel the need, by all means reach out to the AIA Las Vegas as well. Our tight-knit organization can always aid in connecting those searching for help with those seeking help. If you or anyone you know is out of work or possibly on the verge of being unemployed, let this AIA Chapter help out. We'll be glad to display your resume, and at the same time, continue to provide our job-posting feature on our newly revamped website or through this AIA LV Forum.

I recall the stories that Harry Campbell shared during his early days in the Las Vegas architecture scene. When times were tough, architects from one firm would be loaned out to one of the offices down the street, and the network of companies would band together to help each other pull through rough times. I believe now is just one of those "potholes" in the road that we'll ultimately pass through, and I guarantee you that we will come out of it much smarter, more diverse, and we'll be better off for it when we eventually get back on smoother roads.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

## NOVEMBER 4

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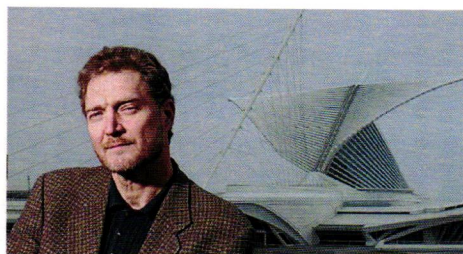
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## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



We've changed the date of our November meeting from Wednesday, November 19th to **Wednesday, November 12th**...in order to accommodate those of you who will be attending Greenbuild. AND, we've partnered with the UNLV Downtown Design Studio and the Klai Juba Lecture Series in providing John Norquist, President and CEO of the Congress of New Urbanism, Chicago, IL. The meeting will begin at 5:30PM with a reception in the Historic

Fifth Street School gallery (401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas) and the presentation will be held in the auditorium at 6:30PM. Please remember that parking at the school is metered so bring quarters and remember your parking space number. This will still be a joint meeting with USGBC and if you are planning to attend, please RSVP to [klavigne@aianevada.org](mailto:klavigne@aianevada.org) by Monday, November 10.

John Norquist's work promoting New Urbanism as an alternative to sprawl and antidote to sprawl's social and environmental problems draws on his experience as big-city mayor and prominent participant in national discussions on urban design and school reform. John was the Mayor of Milwaukee from 1988-2004. Under his leadership, Milwaukee experienced a decline in poverty, saw a boom in new downtown housing, and became a leading center of education and welfare reform. He oversaw a revision of the city's zoning code and reoriented development around walkable streets and public amenities such as the city's 3.1-mile Riverwalk. At CNU he has joined local activists in numerous cities as a key champion of plans to replace freeways with boulevards. A leader in national discussions of urban design and educational issues, Norquist is the author of *The Wealth of Cities*, and has taught courses in urban policy and urban planning at the University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning, and at Marquette

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

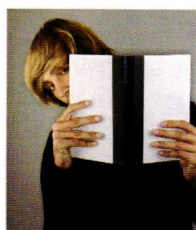
We are fast approaching holiday season and that means ....our traditional AIA Las Vegas End-of-the-year Holiday Celebration. This year we will be decking the halls on Wednesday, December 17, 6PM, in the auditorium and gallery space of the beautifully restored Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth Street, downtown Las Vegas.

This special meeting is our opportunity to say thank you to all who have contributed to the success of our Chapter and our community, to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of 2008....and to anticipate the excitement of the coming New Year. This year the festivities include a delicious holiday buffet, wine and champagne, holiday music provided through the Nevada School for the Arts.

Also don't forget to make the season brighter for others by bringing your donations for Safe Nest. You'll be helping others in our community to enjoy a wonderful holiday season. See the wish list that is included on the enclosed ticket order form, or you may simply make a cash donation. It will make your holidays brighter.

Get into the spirit of the season and make plans to join us. Use the order form included in this newsletter to secure your reservation or a table for your firm. **ECOWALL** is a sponsor for the meeting....and other sponsorships are available.

## VEGAS VALLEY BOOK FESTIVAL



The City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Office will host the Vegas Valley Book Festival this fall, November 6-8. The UNLV Downtown Design Studio AIA Las Vegas are supporters of the event. The focus of this year's festival will be on 'architecture' and the three-day event will feature nationally known authors, book signings, exhibits, lectures, films and round-table discussions. The festival events are scheduled to be held in a number of locations around the downtown area including the Fifth Street School, Clark County Library, The Arts District and Centennial Plaza.



## CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RSVP

The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name.

If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting.

Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.

## HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS NEEDS ADVISORS

What are you doing this fall? Want to go to school....and help CCSD's young drafting students to learn, understand and appreciate architecture? Here's your chance.

Each year AIA Las Vegas hosts the High School Design Awards in Clark County's high schools. The Chair of this program this year is Yissa Renteria and she has designed a great "design challenge" present to the students. (Please see High School Design Awards on the [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) website.)

Thank you to all the teachers and mentors who attended the 2008-2009 AIA High School Design Awards kick-off meeting. We are still in need of mentors who can volunteer their time to help answer questions, critique work, and add valuable insight to these high school student design projects. We are still looking for firms to adopt a high school or two. If you'd like to be an advisor and help to inspire young minds, please contact **YISSA RENTERIA** at 702.435.1150 or [yrenteria@pscarchitects.com](mailto:yrenteria@pscarchitects.com).

## REFER A FRIEND TO AIA LAS VEGAS

Do you know of someone in your office or maybe a colleague who should be a member of AIA Las Vegas? Tell them that if they join now, they receive full benefits from the day they join until December 31, 2009 and only pay for one year (2009 fees). For more information see enclosed flyer.

## OPEN HOUSE UNLV DOWNTOWN DESIGN CENTER NOVEMBER 19

**DEAN JEFF KOEP, PH.D.** and the UNLV School of Architecture invites you to the official opening of the

**UNLV DOWNTOWN DESIGN CENTER** on Wednesday, November 19th, 6PM. You will be receiving an invitation from **LORI SLINN** in the Dean's office so be sure to RSVP.

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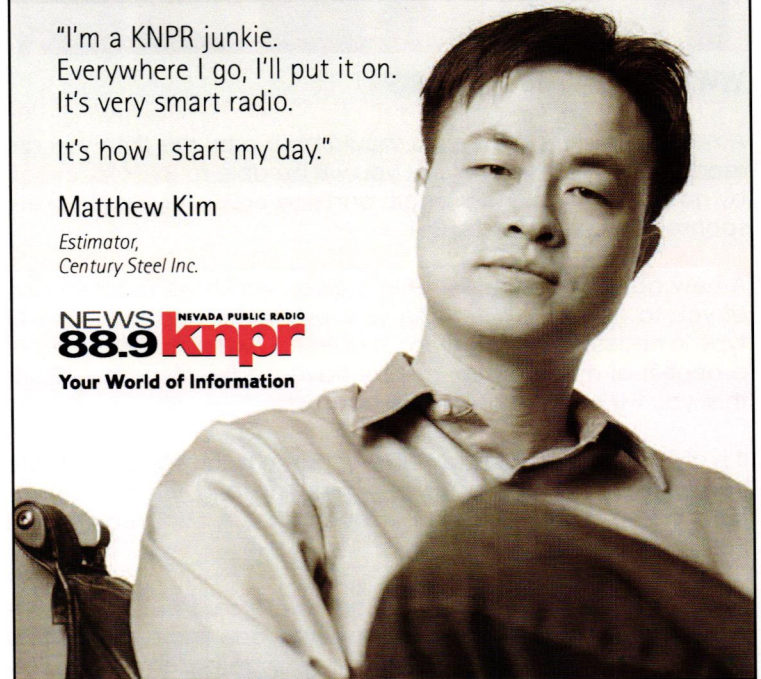
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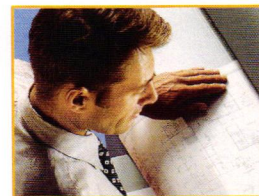
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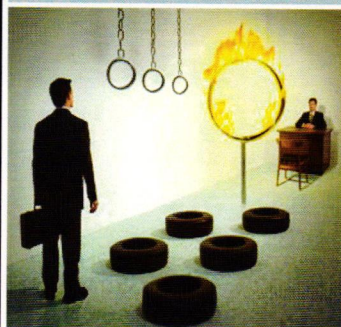
A new site for AIA Las Vegas should be live by the time you are reading this. On this new site, you will be able to **RSVP for events** by going to our calendar page, and **pay online** for event tickets, sponsorship and advertising.

A new addition will be **Member Profiles**, which will require each of you to go to the site using your username and password to type in necessary information. **Firm Profiles** will still be included as a benefit of membership, but we have added some new fields that you will need to go in and complete.

It is always a good idea to visit your profile quarterly and **update frequently** as business is always changing and the information from the website is used in our quarterly AIA LV Directory and Resource Guide.

Steps to get into your profile page will be sent out ASAP. We hope to also include a link to where you can find event photos from the past years. Be sure to stay updated on all Chapter news and events at **www.aialasvegas.org**.

## AIA Las Vegas CareerCenter



Are potential employees forced to jump through hoops to find out that your firm is hiring?

For a limited time, this service is **FREE** to AIA Las Vegas members.

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## COMMUNICATING & CONNECTING

The keys to any successful organization are communication and connections. To maintain a strong connection to our members AIA Las Vegas increasingly relies upon e-mail as a primary communications

vehicle. We are also employing many online and email resources in order to be certain that we are reaching our members and providing vehicles through which they can communicate with us. To be effective, members must be aware of how AIA information will be sent to them, so that they can respond as needed. Check out the following tools:

**ZOOMERANG** – Surveys, ballots and questions that need quick response may be sent to you via zoomerang. Watch for and respond quickly to these emails. **Please do not "opt-out" as it is not possible to reverse an "opt-out" and you will then not receive any future updates/communications sent using this site.**

**CONSTANT CONTACT** – This tool allows us to send event reminders to you and will assist us in keeping our members informed of current happenings in the chapter. **Please do not "opt-out" as it is not possible to reverse an "opt-out" and you will then not receive any future updates/communications sent using this site.**

**EMAIL NOTICES & REMINDERS** – Membership meetings, programs, and events that require RSVP response will be sent to you via email so that you can share this information with others in your office, and can RSVP your attendance.

**WEBSITES** – AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada have new websites, and each provides an abundance of information on the chapter. Please visit the [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org) site for information on Design and Service Awards Program, Legislative issues, Blueprint for Nevada and other statewide activities. Due to be completed/updated by the end of August, [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) provides information on purchasing documents, publications (most importantly our online Directory and Resource Guide), sponsorship & advertising opportunities, and an updated calendar of events including the product show, membership meetings and CE luncheons.

**THE FORUM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** – The main method of communication is mailed to members each month, and will also be available online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) when the new site is completed later this month. Advertising and editorial content welcomed. Go to [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) for more information.

**ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS MAGAZINE** – This annual publication is a key communications tool with members, affiliated organizations, related design professionals and the whole Las Vegas community. Go to [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) for more information.

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## PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT DELIVERY: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARCHITECTS

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The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) have teamed up to take design-build project delivery to new heights!

This course will be delivered by one of the industry's leading authorities: **BARRY BANNETT, AIA, DBIA**, chairman of the AIA Design-Build Knowledge Community Advisory Group, and Special Advisory Member of DBIA's National Board of Directors.

This workshop will address the use of design-build as a project delivery method, focusing on essential concepts and characteristics, as well as critical elements of the RFQ/RFP process and overall project management. It is an interactive, problem-solving course where attendees can take part in a structured team-learning environment.

### Key Topics Include:

- Essential Concepts of Design-Build Project Delivery
- Teaming – Making the Mental Shift
- Design-Build Teaming Key Characteristics
- Writing and Responding to the RFQ & RFP
- Design-Build Project Management

For additional information and registration go to <http://webportal.dbia.org/events/CalendarEventsGraphicView.aspx?index=2&group=&type=> or call 202-682-0110.



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If you haven't already registered for TRIPTYCH, .... **IT'S NOT TOO LATE.**

The conference is being hosted by the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter and the theme "TRIPTYCH" means the power of three.... Owner/ Architect / Builder...working in unison – each contributing their creative skills and visions in order to achieve excellence in the completed project. The conference will explore the power of the collaborative effort in the design and construction process, and investigate the contributions of each team member and the cohesive alliances that result in excellence.

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design and Distinguished Service awards will be presented at the Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 8th. **Tables and tickets are available on the registration website at [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org)**

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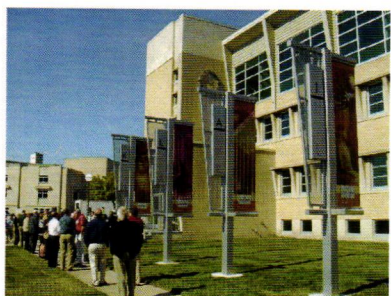
JOHN KLAI DONATES DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TO NDSU

Klai Hall, the new downtown home of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, was dedicated during ceremonies Oct. 3. The building, named for North Dakota State University alumnus **JOHN R. KLAI II**, formerly housed Lincoln Mutual Life, in Downtown Fargo. A 1960s era, 3-story building, the renovation included adding a fourth level to the top of the building to house the new Klai Juba Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library. The building renovation was done by **T.L. STROH ARCHITECTS** out of Fargo with **KLAI JUBA** contributing the design of the graphics/signage components. Klai contributed \$1.5 million to the project. Other local NDSU alum involved in giving towards the project were **MITCHELL TRAGETON** (NDSU '87), currently a VP of Architecture at **MARNELL CORRAO** and **ED VANCE** of **Ed VANCE AND ASSOCIATES**. They both donated rooms within the building.

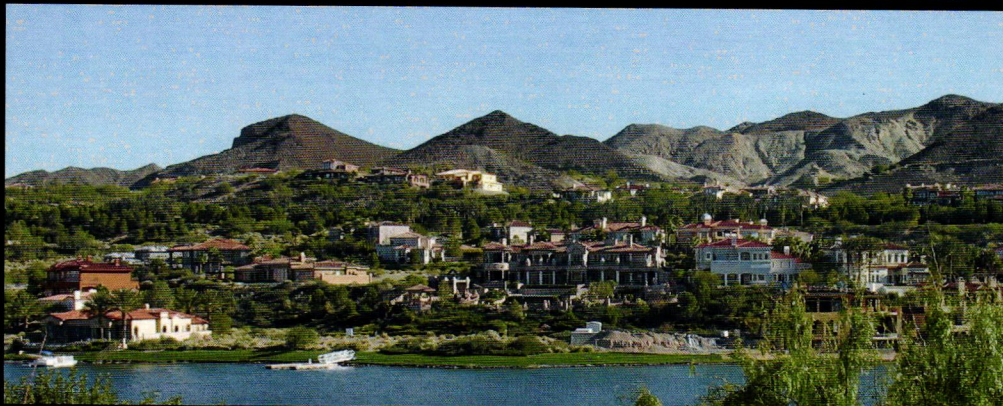


The dedication ceremony was filled with hundreds of students, alumni and members of the community. Along with NDSU dignitaries including **PRESIDENT JOSEPH CHAPMAN** was **FARGO MAYOR DENNIS WALAKER** all of whom, along with John, made speeches. John's focus was on the future growth of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and specifically providing opportunity to the current and future students of NDSU. Personally, John focused on

how KLAIHALL is a proud representation of his entire family and its history in the region. Following the ceremony the NDSU Gold Star Marching Band led those in attendance through downtown to the nearby Hotel Donaldson for a continued celebration.



With the addition of KLAIHALL, the entire NDSU Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture will reside downtown and is a significant part of the ongoing revitalization of Downtown Fargo. Members of the community are already seeing the peripheral benefits of this move with strides in bringing back the 'livability' of this downtown. KLAIHALL will be joined shortly when the neighboring Pioneer Mutual Building is transformed into the NDSU School of Business effectively creating a new campus of NDSU in Downtown Fargo.



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## SH ARCHITECTURE HONORED WITH THE CEFPI AWARD

SH Architecture was awarded the 2008 James D. MacConnell Award for school planning for the Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NWCTA).

Awarded by the Council of Educational Facility Planners, International (CEFPI), the MacConnell Award recognizes schools designed through an outstanding, comprehensive planning process. MacConnell Award winning schools serve the needs of students, staff and community and are healthy, high-performing facilities. The NWCTA planning process included Clark County School District administrators, teachers and facility managers as well as community members, industry leaders, and design



professionals. The collaborative planning committee was very influential throughout the design process, helping to refine the school's required spaces, design characteristics, and sustainable design goals.

The 211,000 SF NWCTA includes daylight in 90% of classrooms and offices, non-toxic materials, a variety of learning spaces, and a real-world work environment for career training. The school is designed to use 40% of the energy of a typical high school, a goal that is achieved not only through the use of ground source heat exchange for HVAC but also through the conservation efforts of the NWCTA students and staff.

The award is named for Dr. James D. MacConnell, who founded the School Planning Laboratory at Stanford University and is considered the father of school planning. SH Architecture is honored to receive the CEFPI James D. MacConnell Award.



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AIA Nevada has applauded the exceptional design accomplishments of some of State's top architects through the Nevada Design Awards Program. The annual statewide program recognizes achievement of the highest standards of design excellence and quality in several categories.

Projects ranged from private residences to public buildings and businesses. Several projects grappled with the task of adding to an existing building or buildings, reflecting nationwide trends to redensify a city as an alternative to sprawl and to define a sense of place in urban centers. All awards will be presented in November at the AIA Nevada Design Awards Banquet in Squaw Creek.

In 2008, 59 project submittals were accepted for judging by three jurors: Edward M. Jones, AIA of Jones Studio, Inc. in Phoenix, Wendy Pautz, AIA of LMN Architects in Seattle and Thomas Bitnar, AIA of Bitnar Architects in Bozeman, Montana.

The jurors awarded 6 awards in the categories of Architecture, Interior Architecture, Regional & Urban Design and Collaborative Achievement.



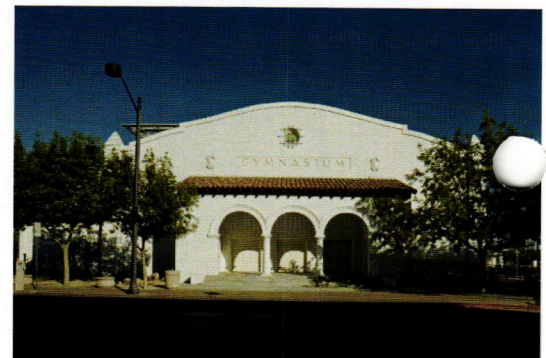
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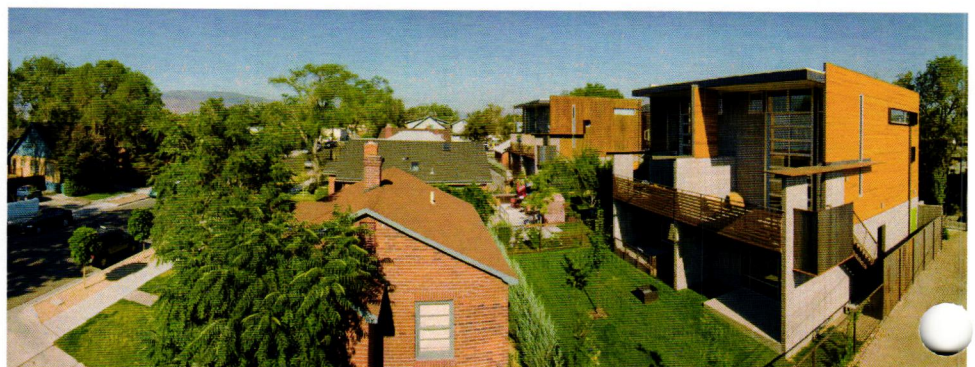
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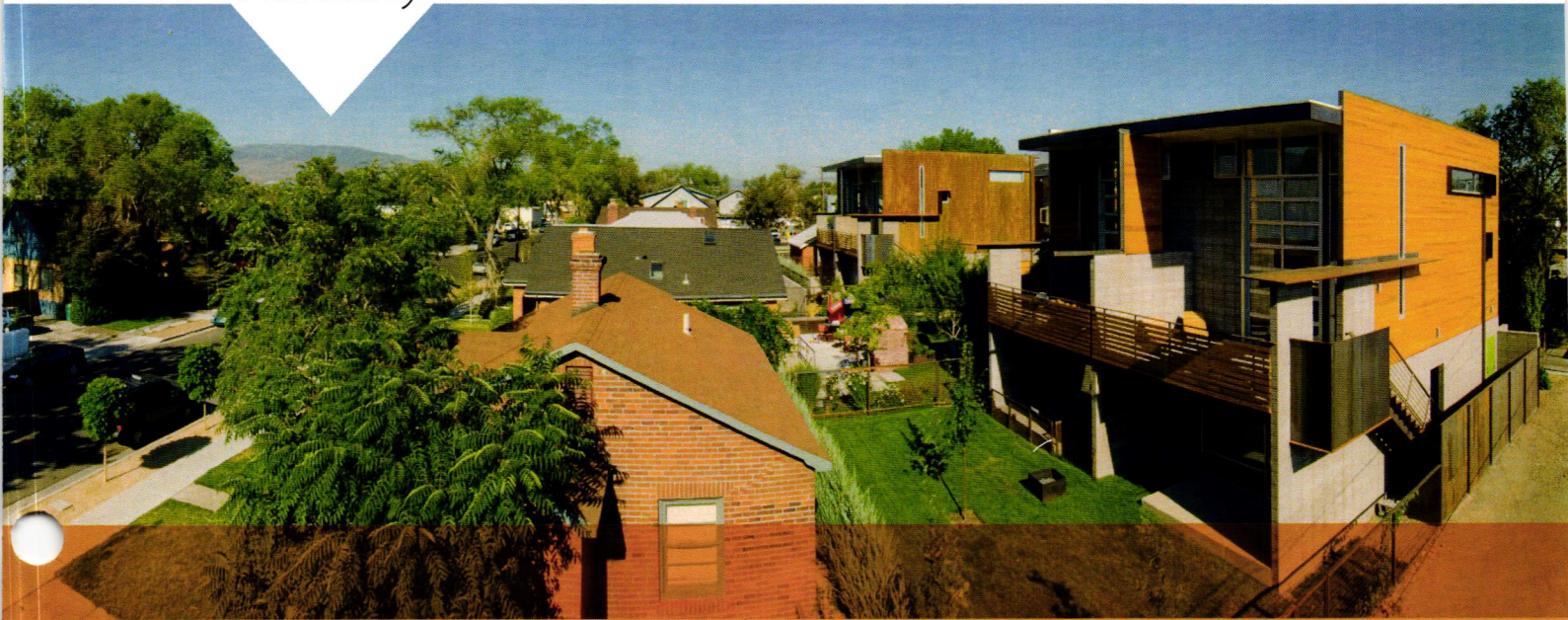


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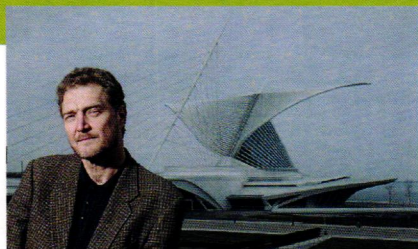
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# AIA Las Vegas November Membership Meeting

We've partnered with the UNLV Downtown Design Studio and the Klai Juba Lecture Series in providing John Norquist, President and CEO of the Congress of New Urbanism, Chicago, IL. This is a joint meeting with USGBC and all members are invited to join us.



## JOHN O. NORQUIST

John Norquist's work promoting New Urbanism as an alternative to sprawl and antidote to sprawl's social and environmental problems draws on his experience as big-city mayor and

prominent participant in national discussions on urban design and school reform. John was the Mayor of Milwaukee from 1988-2004. Under his leadership, Milwaukee experienced a decline in poverty, saw a boom in new downtown housing, and became a leading center of education and welfare reform. He oversaw a revision of the city's zoning code and reoriented development around walkable streets and public amenities such as the city's 3.1-mile Riverwalk. Named a Governing magazine Public Official of the Year during his tenure as Mayor, he also widespread recognition for championing the removal of a .8 mile stretch of elevated freeway, clearing the way for an anticipated \$250 million in infill development in the heart of Milwaukee. At CNU he has joined local activists in numerous cities as a key champion of plans to replace freeways with boulevards. A leader in national discussions of urban design and educational issues, Norquist is the author of *The Wealth of Cities*, and has taught courses in urban policy and urban planning at the University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning, and at Marquette University. Norquist served in the Army Reserves from 1971 to 1977, earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He represented Milwaukee's south and west sides in the Wisconsin Legislature. He chaired the National League of Cities Task Force on Federal Policy and Family Poverty and served on the Amtrak Reform Council.

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Our congratulations to this year's recipients, and our thanks for their outstanding service to the AIA and to their community.

### The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award

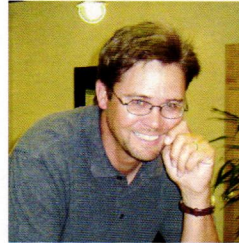
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The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award is the highest honor that the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects can bestow on an architecture firm. It is awarded to recognize a firm that has consistently produced distinguished architecture for a period of at least ten years, and has shown a commitment to the AIA and the profession of architecture and has been of service to the community in which they are located. It is conferred by the AIA Nevada Executive Committee on behalf of all AIA Nevada members. This is not a "Firm of the Year" award. It is, instead, an honor that is reserved for those firms who have established a distinguished record of quality design and service to the profession and to their community for a period of at least ten years.



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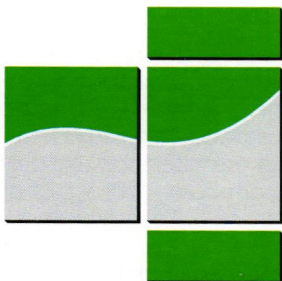


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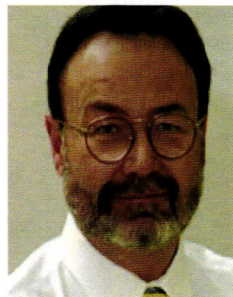
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## AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RIC LICATA, AIA

### The Western Mountain Region - The New American Heartland

As I write this message early voting has begun in our State, as you read it in all likelihood you know who the next President of the United States is. No matter the outcome, our task remains clear - to help make the communities in our State more livable through sustainable design practices. It is simply said but the challenge remains daunting.

In February your AIA will be in Washington DC, and in Carson City, presenting the issues we believe are important to you. These issues have risen to the top of our agenda as a result of the AIA 150 Blueprint for Nevada charrettes and town hall meetings. But as a result of the election, and seemingly changing political map of the western United States, I would propose that we western states parlay our strengths to present a compelling case in the National sense.

Many understand the growing importance of the American West in the geo-political scene of the Nation. Referencing the American West, or the intermountain west, it embodies the Western Mountain Region, the true center of a "New American Heartland<sup>1</sup>." With the abundant resources and the promise of tomorrow, our Western Mountain Region should be the focus as our Nation looks inward to solve the problems of the day and address the issues of the future.

In recent years our region has experienced rapid change. Our cities have turned from the wild western towns of the past to the "Mountain Megs" of today.<sup>1</sup> Our region has become a new blend of prosperous super-sized cities, rural towns expressing unique cultural beauty and resource abundant lands, primarily operated by the Federal Government. In view of this convergence and what should be our prominent role in Americas' future, one fundamental question arises; how can the Western Mountain Region retain its unique character and identity while fulfilling its destiny in support of our great Nation? While there may be as many answers as there are members of the AIA, one constant pervades all, leadership. Leadership by AIA architects who have a shared vision of the treasure we hold and the opportunity of its future.

As architects, we possess the skills to mold this vision while protecting the natural gifts of our region. The AIA as a national body offers many tools in assisting individual components, but what if a regional component such as AIA Western Mountain Region were to develop a regional sustainability plan addressing the needs of our province while providing for our nation? The need exists for a regional plan that is based on the premise that true prosperity achieves sustainable, productive and inclusive growth simultaneously, while planning for the protection of the quality of life in our region.

Given the problems our nation faces and the opportunity this New Western Heartland has to help resolve these issues, leadership in our region must work together to address challenges to our natural capital, of infrastructure, innovation, and human assets. Architects can help provide solutions to these challenges. The possibility of immeasurable partnerships exists in our region. The universities and schools of architecture in our region offer an academic atmosphere to unite efforts to put our arms around these challenges. Regional superstars such as **ED MAZRIA, AIA**, **MAYOR ROCKY ANDERSON** of Salt Lake City, **SENATOR HARRY REID**, and **AMORY LOVINS** of the **ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE**, offer a brain trust to tap into. The existing relationship the AIA has with Google Earth can be a vehicle for the mapping and collection of existing and new information in the Western Mountain Region.

Because of these challenges and our regions potential the dialog should be led by architects as political leaders. We are the ones that see the whole vision of what can be. We in the AIA and the architecture profession must accept the challenge in educating all we come in contact with, in developing the green designs and taking the lead in the new green/carbon neutral economy. We must engage our newly elected political leaders, the leaders of our AIA WMR, and demand they embrace this vision. Now more than ever we must hold them accountable for their actions and the promises they made. We must continually remind them they represent for us. We must continue to share our vision for the good of our country; for the good of our planet; for the future of our children, grandchildren and generations beyond. The opportunity is tremendous, the time is now.

<sup>1</sup> Brookings Metropolitan Program, Blueprint for American Prosperity: Mountain Megs



## IN MEMORIAM

**JANICE GERRITY** passed away Sept. 26 after a courageous battle against ALS. Jan was an icon in the Las Vegas interior design industry. In 2006, she established The **GERRITY GROUP**, a trade-only showroom serving hospitality and residential design professionals. She was a member of the

ASID, ATTC, NEWH and the IFMA.

Jan was a founding member of the Women Presidents' Organization, Nevada Chapter. She also served on the boards of the National Association of Women Business Owners and Women in Convention Services. In 1997, she was honored to be named one of Southern Nevada's Distinguished Women.

We were sad to hear of her passing and know that she will be greatly missed by those in the design community.

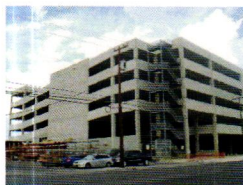
## NEWS BRIEFS

**HAMILTON ANDERSON ASSOCIATES (HAA)**, a Detroit/Las Vegas based design firm, is pleased to announce that **KIRK PHILLIPS** has joined our Las Vegas office as Senior Designer. Kirk has permanently relocated from the firm's Detroit headquarters to lead design in the Las Vegas studio.

Also joining the Las Vegas office - **BETSY ROSS** as Designer and **DONNABEL PASTRANA** as Project Coordinator.

Whittlesea Bell Transportation is currently building a new parking garage on Industrial Road.

**THOMAD ENGINEERING** is the structural engineer of the project which consists of a six story, one thousand vehicle garage for limousines, taxis and shuttle buses.



The space includes administrative offices and auto repair shop for the owner/operator. The project site, which butts up against an existing multi-level garage and its proximity to the Union Pacific Railroad track presented some unique structural design and construction challenges. The structural system is cast-in-place and pre-

cast concrete for the garage and structural steel for the offices and storage mezzanines.

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## MARKETING AND PROTECTION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

BY MORRIS POLICH & PURDY LLP

November 21, 2008

Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Seminar 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Monte Carlo Resort & Casino - 2nd Floor Ballroom


Design firms and individual practitioners face multiple challenges in developing business, including increased competition for fewer projects, protection of intellectual property and successful promotion of services to prospective clients. These activities are in turn increasingly impacted by the unique nature of the internet, with sometimes unforeseen consequences.

Given the widespread use of the internet as the marketing medium for professional services and information exchange with clients and potential competitors, design professionals need to familiarize themselves with the evolving legal principles that will affect their ongoing business development efforts.

The law firm of Morris Polich & Purdy LLP will examine the relevant legal principles which apply to marketing of architectural design services on the internet. The seminar will offer suggestions about how to both preserve proprietary rights in the marketplace, and avoid claims that a competitor's rights have been violated.

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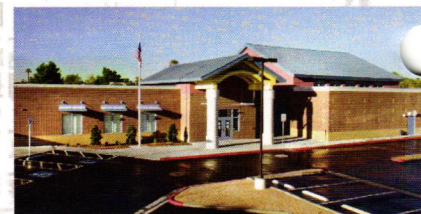
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## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN BECOMES A MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR AIA MEMBERSHIP

To demonstrate our commitment to sustainable design, the AIA Board of Directors modified the

AIA — member continuing education requirement to include 4 hours of education in sustainable design as part of the existing 18 — hour annual requirement. This sustainable design requirement goes into effect in calendar year 2009 and extends through 2012.

Sustainability has been a focus of architectural practice for more than 30 years, and the AIA has provided resources and tools to help its members better serve their clients and communities through environmentally responsible projects. The issue of climate change and the impact of buildings on carbon emissions created a new expectation among clients and the public to look to the expertise of architects for solutions that can help them leave a greener footprint. Social, political, and economic factors are all driving the market toward mainstreaming sustainability, and AIA architects who educate themselves in sustainable design will have an advantage, and again, have the privilege of providing ever greater service to clients and community.

### What Is the Sustainable Design Continuing Education Requirement?

Beginning January 1, 2009, 4 of the total 18 CES Learning Units (LUs) required in a given calendar year must focus on sustainable design in a way that meets the established guidelines for sustainable design mandatory continuing education (MCE).

### How Does the New Requirement Affect the Original AIA MCE Requirement?

The sustainable design MCE does not replace the original requirement for 18 total hours, 8 of which must be in Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) subjects, as HSW is a subset of Learning Units, and sustainable design may be a subset of HSW. It designates that 4 of the total hours be in sustainable design topics.

### Is This Also a State Licensing Board Continuing Education Requirement?

This sustainable design MCE requirement is for AIA membership renewal. However, some states may develop their own special continuing education requirements in addition to HSW. To verify a specific state's MCE requirement, contact the state licensing board directly.

### How Will I Know that a Course Qualifies for Sustainable Design MCE?

All courses by AIA/CES Registered Providers will be identified as qualifying for sustainable design, much like those courses and programs that qualify for HSW learning units. AIA/CES will have reviewed and approved these courses for sustainable — design learning units.

## NCARB "SIX-MONTH RULE"

In June, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Member Boards passed a rule requiring interns to complete their training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months. The "Six-Month Rule," as it has been nicknamed, will go into effect on 1 July 2009 for interns who begin an NCARB Record on or after that date and 1 July 2010 for all interns regardless of application date. All training unit reports must be submitted electronically and within two months of completion of each reporting period.



## TRACK YOUR C.E. CREDITS

Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you

would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

In 2008, we have planned several more events to provide more C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the [aia.org](http://aia.org) website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number and you will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

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### NOVEMBER EXHIBIT

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### NEW BOOKS

Strategic planning for design firms / by Raymond F. Kogan and Cara Bobchek New York : Kaplan Pub., 2007. UNLV Arch Bk. Stks. HD30.28 .K64 2007

Risk management for design professionals / by William G. Ramroth, Jr New York : Kaplan Publishing, 2007. UNLV Arch Bk. Stks. KF2925.3 .R37 2007

Eco-architecture / Christina Fisanick, book editor Detroit : Greenhaven Press, c2008. UNLV Arch Bk. Stks. NA2542.36 .E26 2008

Future office : design, practice and applied research / edited by Chris Grech and David Walters London ; New York : Routledge, 2008. UNLV Arch Bk. Stks. NA6230 .F88 2008

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## 2008 CE LUNCHEONS

November 13 – "Integrating Fire Protection Into the Building Design" will be presented by Edward Goldhammer, P.E. of Schirmer Engineering. The Luncheon will be held at Gordon Biersch.

December 11 - Hosted by Nathan Emens and Terracon. Program and Location TBA

## FALL 2008 KLAI JUBA LECTURE SERIES

All lectures will be held at the new UNLV School of Architecture Downtown Design Center at the Fifth Street School, 401 South 4th Street, Las Vegas, NV. Reception 6pm | Lecture 7pm

### NOV 6 | MATTHEW COOLIDGE

DIRECTOR - CENTER FOR LAND USE INTERPRETATION, CULVER CITY, CA

### NOV 7 | CHRIS WILSON

J.B. JACKSON PROFESSOR OF CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

### NOV 12 | JOHN NORQUIST

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## ARE 4.0 "BUILDING SYSTEMS" CLASSES

We are offering ARE classes with Wright Engineers once again hosting. The classes have been updated to the new format of ARE 4.0. Whether you attended the last classes or not, join us to refresh your Mechanical, Electrical, Fire and Acoustics knowledge before you take the Building Systems exam. Sample questions will be solved during the classes.

### SCHEDULE:

November 5th - Electrical - Presenter: David Rushforth, PE, LEED AP  
November 11th - Fire and Acoustics - Presenter: TBA  
Time of all classes - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

### LOCATION:

5th Street School Large Conference Room  
401 S. 4th Street, Downtown Las Vegas

### ATTENDANCE FEES:

AIA/Associate AIA members: FREE  
Non-AIA members: One-time payment of \$25 for the series

### RSVP:

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## CE'S BEING OFFERED AT THE AIA NEVADA DESIGN CONFERENCE

The AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program has expanded into a statewide Design Conference. This year's conference is themed "TRIPTYCH - a Design Conference and Awards program for Owners, Builders and Architects". Scheduled for November 7 & 8, the conference and awards banquet will be held at the Resort at Squaw Creek. TRIPTYCH will be two days of valuable AIA CE approved courses providing 8.5 CEU and HSW Credits. To register for TRIPTYCH or get more information, go to [www.aiannv.org](http://www.aiannv.org).



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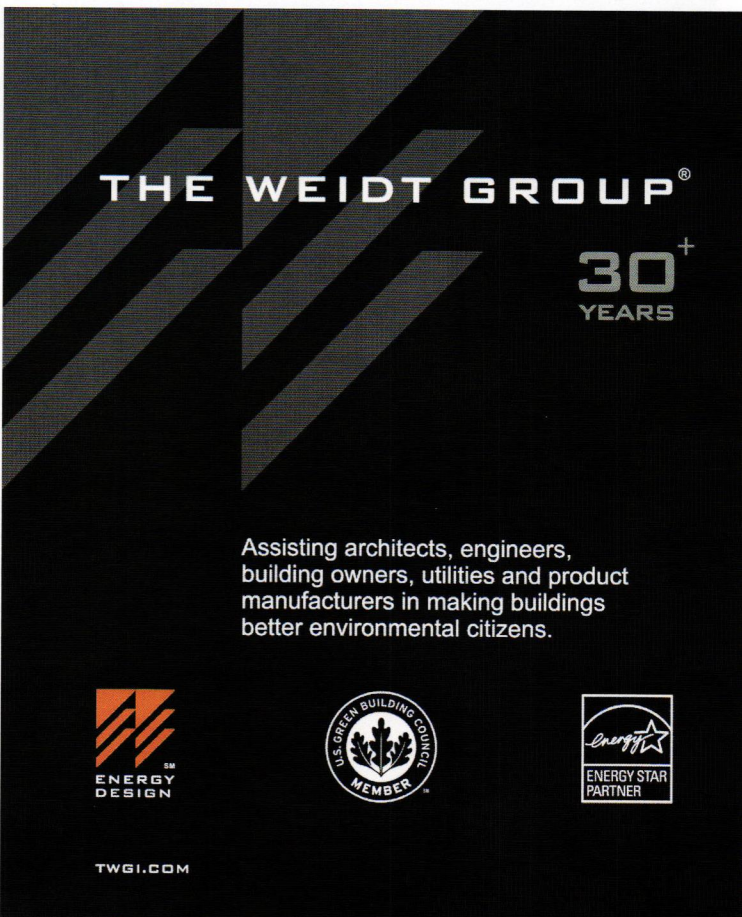
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TRIPTYCH Design Awards  
Conference  
Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe

8  
Design Awards Banquet

11  
AIA LV Board Meeting

13  
"Integrating Fire Protection Into  
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by Edward Goldhammer, P.E. of  
Schirmer Engineering

12  
November Membership Meeting  
Joint Meeting with USGBC

20  
AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

27  
Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER

9  
AIA LV Board Meeting

11  
CE Luncheon  
Hosted by Nathan Emens of  
Terracon

17  
Membership Meeting  
End of Year Holiday Celebration

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OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

### JANUARY

13  
AIA LV Board Meeting

15  
AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

21  
Membership Meeting  
TBD

22  
CE Luncheon  
TBD